

NEBRASKA TOURING PROGRAM/ EXHIBITS NEBRASKA

Artist Proposal for the Artist Directory

The **Nebraska Touring Program/Exhibits Nebraska** is designed to provide a variety of high quality touring performances and exhibits in various price ranges to all Nebraska communities throughout the year. It provides financial assistance to Nebraska's nonprofit sponsors as well as promoting resident Nebraska artists and groups with a record of professional achievement. Artists who wish to apply for both the NTP/Exhibits Nebraska and the AiS/C programs should contact NAC staff before applying.

Eligibility

The **Nebraska Touring Program /Exhibits Nebraska** program is open to professional quality artists residing in Nebraska. Eligible ensembles must maintain administrative offices in the state. In general, students are not eligible for the program. Only those who currently are not in the program and are applying for the first time need complete the following application form.

Proposal Deadlines

The artist proposal deadline is February 1. Applications must be submitted by midnight that day. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. If the established deadline falls on a weekend or official state holiday, the accepted submission day will be the following regular working day. Support materials must be postmarked (not metered) or delivered to the NAC by 5:00 pm on the day of the deadline.

Applications are accepted for the purpose of review by the NAC's artist review panel, and not for sponsor's selection of artists for touring performances or exhibits.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals are reviewed by the NAC's artist review panel based on the following criteria:

- Artistic skill
- Touring experience and/or capability
- Availability to tour throughout the entire state
- Effective tour management (and organizational management, if applicable)
- Appropriateness of fee(s)

How the Program Works

Artists accepted to the NTP will be listed in the NAC's *Artist Directory*. Eligible sponsoring organizations may apply for touring funds in order to support performances or exhibitions by artists listed in the *Artist Directory*.

Inclusion in the *Artist Directory* is not a guarantee of employment. Artists and ensembles market and book their own engagements with Nebraska presenters and sponsors. They also schedule and make all their own tour or residency arrangements.

Touring funds are awarded to the sponsoring organizations, not to the artists directly. Sponsors must submit an NTP sponsor application to receive funding.

After the Proposal is Approved

Once approved for the NTP, all details of the touring options, including the maximum fee(s), are considered to be fixed. These details will be posted to the NAC *Artist Directory* on the NAC's website.

New artists and/or tour managers are required to attend an orientation. New artists must have a press kit available for sponsors to use to market touring programs/exhibits. A press kit must be submitted to the NTP Coordinator as soon as possible.

Once accepted into the NTP, an artist is eligible to participate in the program without submitting a new application unless: a) the artist wishes to add a performance or exhibit option; b) the artist wishes to change the artist fees by more than 20%; or c) artistic or managerial skills come into question, in which case the artist will be notified by the NAC.

NTP artists will be contacted each year to renew their commitment, and to update their listing in the NAC *Artist Directory*.

